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Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council

Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions

A Regular Meeting of the First Things First Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council took place on September 11, 2014 at the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Head Start Multi-Purpose Room, 5060 West Calle Tetakusim, Tucson, Arizona, 85757. Chair Cecilia Garcia welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 11:47 a.m.

Members Present:

Chair Cecilia Garcia, Vice Chair Amalia Reyes, John Jensen, Veronica Darnell, Juanita Ayala, Hector Youtsey, Shanna Tautolo, Bill Rosenberg, Pete Guerrero

Members Absent:

Francisco Munoz, Marilynn Sando

Blessing

Member Rosenberg provided a blessing.

Approval of July 10, 2014 Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Member Jensen that the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council approve the minutes of the July 10, 2014 Regional Council meeting as presented, seconded by Member Tautolo. Motion carried.

Call to the Public

None at this time.

Presentation and Discussion: System Building- Preschool Classroom at Johnson School

Chair Garcia turned the floor over to Pat Delaney, TUSD Pace Program Coordinator, who provided an update on the preschool classroom at Johnson School that is funded by the First Things First Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council. She reminded the regional council that the classroom is in its second year and let them know that there are 14 children enrolled out of 16 spots. Some discussion was had about curriculum, students' readiness to enter kindergarten, staff's professional development and the other classrooms at Johnson School.

Discussion and Possible Action: Strategic Planning for next Funding Cycle SFY2016-SFY2018

Chair Garcia turned the floor over to Regional Director Tiburcia Yocupicio-Chambers, who gave the regional council members a review of the FTF Statewide Strategic Direction and SFY2013-SFY2015 Regional Priorities, selected FTF Indicators and Priority Roles, and approaches to achieve outcomes. The regional council then divided up into small groups to review the 2012-2014 Needs and Assets Report Summary, discuss Regional Priorities and possible unfunded approaches for SFY2016-SFY2018. Following the small group discussions, a member from each group presented the information to the remaining regional council members.

****Member Darnell left the meeting during the small group discussions. ****

Following the discussion, the regional council used a system to prioritize each of the needs and unfunded approaches. Ms. Yocupicio-Chambers let the regional council know that she would calculate the results of the prioritization and present them at the next meeting.

First Things First Summit Highlights

Chair Garcia asked the regional council to share any highlights or thoughts about the 2014 Early Childhood Summit that had taken place in August. Some discussion was had about members' disappointment about so many sessions having been full, and Member Ayala suggested that FTF put out a survey prior to the Summit in order for attendees to be able to indicate which sessions they would like to attend so that room space could be planned more efficiently. Member Rosenberg said that he felt that the Summit had high-quality presenters, and Member Ayala mentioned that she particularly enjoyed the final speaker.

Regional Director's Report

Chair Garcia turned the floor over to Ms. Yocupicio-Chambers who briefly discussed her Director's Report. She highlighted that FTF CEO Sam Leyvas attended the Tribal Education Oversight Committee meeting on July 16th, presented the FTF school readiness indicators and requested approval process guidance from Tribal Council to obtain data to measure the school readiness indicators. She also let the regional council know that she would review the expenditure reports at the next meeting.

Regional Council and Staff Announcements

Members of the regional council congratulated Senior Director Erin Lyons on her new position with Child Parent Centers and thanked her for her service to FTF and the regional council.

Ms. Yocupicio-Chambers let the regional council know that she had requested a table at the Tribal Recognition for herself, Aggie Hart, and Emily McDuffie.

Member Reyes passed around flyers for an upcoming dental education class that would be occurring at the Education Center, as well as for a Book M.A.G.I.C. early literacy session.

Future Agenda Items

None at this time.

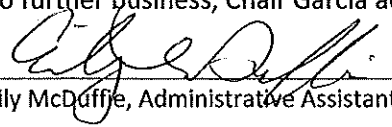
Announcement of Next Regular Meeting

Chair Garcia announced that the next regional council meeting was scheduled for October 23 at 11:30 at a location to be determined. Ms. Yocupicio-Chambers reminded the regional council that she would be gone the last week of September and the first week of October.


Adjourn

As there was no further business, Chair Garcia adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:14 p.m.

Submitted By


Emily McDuffie, Administrative Assistant

Approved By


Cecilia Garcia, Chair

Dated this 23rd day of October, 2014.